

Application Serial No.: 09/893,685
Reply to Office Action dated February 21, 2006, and
Advisory Action dated September 6, 2006

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

At the outset, the Applicant requests the entry of the Amendment After Final filed on August 21, 2006, as well as the present Supplemental Amendment After Final, as these Amendments cancel all of the rejected subject matter and place the application into condition for allowance.

Claims 3-11, 19-28, 38-43, 50-63, 65, 68, and 69 are presently active in this case, Claims 3 and 69 having been amended by way of the present Amendment. Claims 1, 2, 12-18, 29-37, 44-49, 64, 66, 67, and 70-76 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Claims 19-28, 38-43, 50-63, 65, and 68 are allowed, and Claims 3-11 have been indicated as being allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claim 3 has been rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of base Claim 1, and therefore Claim 3 and Claims 4-11, which depend therefrom, are in condition for allowance. Furthermore, Claim 69 has been amended to depend from any one of allowable Claims 65 and 68, and thus Claim 69 is in condition for allowance.

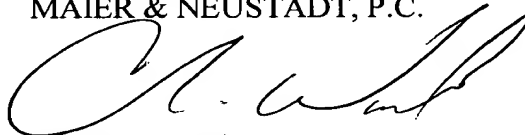
The remaining non-elected and rejected claims have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer, thereby rendering all rejections moot.

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Consequently, in view of the above discussion, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for formal allowance and an early and favorable reconsideration of this application is therefore requested.

Respectfully Submitted,

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